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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN.
For Congress, 7th District, CLAUD DUVAL.
For Senator, 35th District, GEORGE B. ROSS.
Barton County Ticket.
For Representative, M. W. COBURN.
For County Attorney, JAS. W. CLARKE.
For County Sup't, B. J. HENNESSY.
For District Clerk, W. B. LUCAS.
For Probate Judge, W. P. FEDER.
For County Printer, D. T. ARMSTRONG.
For Commissioner, 2 Dist., S. S. SHATTUCK.

SURELY the good Lord of the Harvest is this year smiling upon the just. And the just are the democrats and populists of Kansas. The strength of the republican party in Kansas is in the cities and towns, and the colored vote. The strength of the democrats and populists of Kansas is on the farms—those sturdy, independent, free tillers of the soil who, being too busy on the farms to mix with the fixers and manipulators, do their own thinking upon the problems of the day, and decide between right and wrong without the aid of heelers or maneuvering spellbinders. In the cities where the republicans are strongest, all the little schemes, all the buying of votes and making of promises are done—which accounts for the voting strength of that party. While the bounteous crops are a greater benefit to the farmer than anyone else, the flotsam and jetsam of the cities receive benefits also. What has always been a puzzle to us is, why the business men of the towns and cities do not see that it is to their interest to vote with the farmers? True, more of them are doing so each year—and more will this year than formerly. Legislation that will benefit the farming interests of Kansas will benefit most mercantile and professional interests; and certainly the Kansas farmers are capable of knowing what is for their good, because they reason things out for themselves, and are not influenced, as are the town voters, by the schemes of self-seeking politicians. Then, as before stated, the Lord is with the farmer, and we all ought to be on the Lord's side.

With a record of nineteen years' service as a republican Senator, Mr. Hale, of Maine, can afford to treat with disdain, as he does in the senate the suggestion that he is not a sound republican because he will not endorse Mr. McKinley's colonial policy and defend the scandals that have grown out of it. Coming from a senator of his record and standing Mr. Hale's accusation that there is a well defined movement to break the pledged faith of the nation and permanently deny independence to Cuba is startling. "There are," says Mr. Hale, "very powerful influences in this country, largely located in New York City, largely speculative and connected with money making enterprises, that are determined we shall never give up Cuba." The public scandals unearthed in Havana postoffice and in the collection of customs by Hanna's carpet bag brigade indicates plainly why the administration is "holding on" to Cuba. —Manhattan Mercury.

THE question of holding the two state conventions, of the democrats and populists, at Fort Scott all under one tent, as was so successfully done in the third congressional district, and in many counties of the state, is being pretty generally discussed. It is the proper thing to do, and we hope that such a plan will be carried out, and that the 2/3 rule be adopted, so that the nominees will be the choice of a big majority of ALL the delegates.

THOUSANDS and tens of thousands of workmen are out on a strike for living wages. They claim, with some degree of reason, that they should be permitted to enjoy a modicum of the enormous profit of the trust controlled enterprises, to share in a small way the McKinley prosperity that they hear of, but which they have had no personal acquaintance with as yet. —Newton Journal.

THE great Hanna ratification meeting, for which Philadelphia promised \$100,000, will be pulled off next Tuesday, the 19th. Two weeks later the next president will be named, and the Declaration of Independence reaffirmed at Kansas City. One hundred men will want to go to Kansas City to one that contemplates going to Philadelphia.

GENERAL MACARTHUR has cabled the home country for "more troops," to continue the war of extermination of a people battling for freedom. And yet, we are told that "the war is over, and peace and plenty reigns." God! What a spectacle these United States are making of themselves, in the eyes of the whole world!

DEWEY a democrat, Schley a democrat, Fitzhugh Lee a democrat, Joe Wheeler a democrat—why, come to think it over there are no heroes of the Spanish-American war for the republicans to blow about but Shafter and Funston. However this is enough to warrant them in calling all democrats copperheads. —Western Spirit.

ENGLAND spent \$350,000,000 to assassinate liberty and crush free government in South Africa. One-tenth of that amount expended properly and in time, would have averted the pangs of famine from 30,000,000 of starving Hindoos, who are slowly dying beneath the British flag in India. —Kansas City Times.

SURELY the daily press is getting to be mighty "sporty." Column upon column is given daily to an account of the doings of the "boxers" in China. Corbett, Jeffries, Fitz, Kid Wilson and the rest of the famous American boxers never did get as much attention as is now given to the Chinese Boxers.

OUR old friend and townsman, Joe Fugate, of Newton, will be a candidate before the democratic state convention for presidential elector. We do not know of a man in Kansas more deserving of the honor of such nomination than Joe Fugate. Here's hoping, Joe.

IF THE St. Louis street car strike continues much longer the death rate will be greater, as to loss of American lives, than during our war with Spain. And all this during the "peace and prosperity" the republicans prate about—but which does not prevail in the land.

WHILE the poor brown people of India, subjects of England's queen, are becoming food for vultures, dogs and jackals, for lack of the substance of life, England is spending millions of dollars in an effort to destroy the

republics of white men in South Africa. Yet a republican congress, in the Republic of the United States, has just adjourned after refusing repeatedly to permit a single expression of censure of England, or even sympathy for the Boers. Will the liberty-loving people of America again elect to power a party so cowardly, so abjectly servile to the power of British gold? We most certainly believe not.

A CALL is issued for a meeting of the 7th district democratic congressional committee, to be held in Hutchinson Saturday, June 16th, at 11 a. m. In addition to the committee meeting during the day, the local democrats and populists will hold a grand, Claud Duval rally that night, which will be addressed by many prominent democrats and populists of the district. The Great Bend C. N. C. quartet will help to entertain during the evening.

SAY, there is still hope for the reformation of O'Brien, of the Claffin Clarion. Turn to the Claffin items in this issue and see what nice things he says of the candidates on the democrat and populist tickets.

McKINLEY, an Empire. Bryan, a Republic. "Choose ye this day" which you shall prefer to see prevail.

No Longer a Republican.

Hon. W. E. Bourland, a prominent Kentucky republican, sends a letter to the Madisonville, Ky., Hustler in which he gives his reasons why he can no longer be a republican. Among these reasons are the following very excellent ones, ably stated:

I am opposed to the acquisition of any territory not contiguous to the American continent, either by conquest, purchase or cession.

Imperialism is not American, and aside from being inherently wrong, every foot of outstanding territory acquired and owned by the United States furnishes a vulnerable point of attack to our enemy in case of war with a foreign foe, and every unwilling subject becomes an internal foe when most we need friends and loyal citizens. We whipped Spain in the short space of three months by striking her insular possessions, and right at this time the great British empire is in the throes of a death struggle with her rebellious colonies in South Africa. The experience of these great nations with their outlying territory should be a lesson and a warning to the United States government. But aside from the expediency of the imperialistic policy, how can we expect to maintain the prestige we have gained among the nations of the earth by the loyal devotion to liberty and a republican form of government, if we are henceforth guided by motives, less exalted than those which inspired our forefathers?

If we go into the Orient how can we keep Europe from the Occident? If we force our ideas of government upon the government of the old world, how are we to protect the new world by an enforcement of our long cherished "Monroe Doctrine"? Two years ago we were holding up our hands in holy horror and knitting our brows with righteous indignation because Spain was trying to subjugate her insurgent subjects in Cuba, and we declared the cruel warfare she was waging against the Cubans, who were struggling for freedom, was an intolerable crime against civilization and not to be longer endured by the liberty-loving people of America. And yet within a few short months we become and are yet engaged in the same unholy effort to destroy the spirit of liberty in the Philippines by annihilating the Philippines. This conduct and cruelty is as inexcusable as was the Spanish carnage in Cuba. The claim that the United States is a missionary of civilization and Christianity, and that we are "crucel only to be kind" is monstrous. The civilization and religion that is carried with the sword and the abrapool is a savage civilization and a cruel religion.

Porto Rico is now a part of United States territory, and yet at the bidding of the protected interests of this great

country, this newly acquired island, with a half-civilized population down-trodden by a century of Spanish misrule and oppression, is discriminated against in our tariff duties. Can this be justified, or who has within his breast the spirit of fair dealing to attempt to defend it? One might as well attempt to justify a discrimination against the iron ore of Alabama or the coal fields of Pennsylvania.

I am unalterably opposed to the present policy of the republican party by which the United States treasury notes are to be retired, and the whole issue of the credit money of the country to be turned over to the national banks, thereby rendering not only the people but the government itself dependent upon Wall Street and the money sharks for an adequate medium of exchange.

I am opposed to any policy that encourages and fosters trusts and combines like, vampire like, are sucking the life blood of the nation. It is weak and puerile to claim, as some do, that trusts are evils, but that the government is powerless to destroy those evils and check their growth. Surely if we can find authority in the constitution to govern by force the unwilling inhabitants of islands situated eight thousand miles from our nearest coast line, we may, by diligent search, be able to find constitutional warrant by which to rid ourselves of the internal foe. At least let us make an effort, for it is un-American to surrender until we have been forced to the last ditch, and have exhausted our last round of ammunition.

All For Bryan.

Even money is offered in New York City that Bryan will carry that state in November without takers. But the greatest surprise to politicians of all classes is the position taken by James R. Keene, the czar of Wall street, the unchallenged king of speculation. In 1896 he gave \$40,000 to the McKinley campaign fund, today he is for Bryan. Mr. Keene's fortune is estimated at \$20,000,000. He has yet to make the first mistake in his judgment on election results.

A short time ago just prior to Mr. Keene's sail for England he was dining with a number of gentlemen, one of them an adherent of McKinley and somewhat overstepped in the form or earthen ignorance that makes no account of any west or south, was vociferously confident of coming republican success. This sage closed his republican declamation with a mad desire to bet. Offering to bet two to one on McKinley. Mr. Keene would not ask that difference in the amount bet, but put up \$7,500 against \$10,000 put up by the enthusiast and his friends present.

In a late interview Mr. Keene said to Alfred Henry Lewis.

"The people of this country," said Mr. Keene to me in a recent conversation "must arouse themselves. The coming election is of more importance, from the standpoint of a pure and true Americanism, than any that has transpired since the second election of Lincoln. Money is in the saddle; it is riding down the institutions of this country with a confident insolence that tells of its firm belief in its own invincibility. It is running the government today in its every branch and arm. If money is power in moulding public affairs goes forward for four years more as it has for four years past, the name of American liberty will only be worth a recollection as a matter of history. Money is pressing the people backward step by step. What is to be the end? It goes on, there are as matters trend, but two solutions. One is socialism and the second is revolution. The American people must defend themselves from money, just as they once guarded their forest frontiers from the savage. Unless they come solidly shoulder to shoulder for their rights and come at once Bunker Hill will have been a blunder, Yorktown a mistake."

The Newspaper Blue Book, published by the 20th Century Press Clippings Bureau, of Chicago, is a neat and accurate list of the best newspapers in the land, a valuable help to the business man, the historian or the politician. Of course it gives THE DEMOCRAT as the best paper in Great Bend, both for advertising and general news purposes.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Wheat harvest will commence on the south side next Monday.

The oat and barley crop this year promises to be immense.

The buzz of the header and binder is abroad in the land this week.

Refreshments that refresh the soul are to be found at McCullough's.

Mrs. F. A. Steckel, of Ellinwood, is spending the summer in Colorado.

See the new advertisement of the Woodward Grocery store, this week.

Tell the truth at all times, but more especially when the census man comes around.

Adolph Hampel was down from Olmitz, Friday last shaping up for harvest time.

Pelter's hacks are always the most prompt. That is the reason the people patronize them.

It looks like most of Barton county would be celebrating the 4th of July in the harvest fields.

Ooe Russell came home from the state university law school, last week, for the summer vacation.

J. M. Donley came out from Des Moines, Ia., the first of the week to look after land interests here.

Why is "Allen's corner" more popular than ever? McCullough's short order lunch counter is located there.

Chairman Bunting has called a meeting of the republican county central committee, for 2 p. m., June 16th.

Now doth the busy farmer man improve each shining minute, by slicking up his header barge, preparing to get "in it."

Gentlemen from the extreme west part of the state say the wheat in that locality needs rain, especially the late sowing.

The second half of taxes are due, and should be paid before June 20th. Keep this in mind, those who have paid the first half.

Tony Auchstetter, Dr. Lash, Marshal Logan and numerous other Ellinwood citizens were up attending court Saturday.

Every man whose name appears on the Democratic ticket at the head of this paper is a winner—for money, marbles or chalk.

Hugh Boyle was in Monday, and says the rain they had in Albion Saturday night "made" the late wheat, beyond any question.

Mr. Sharp, of Carroll county, Mo., who recently bought a farm in Home stead township, is here making preparations to move out.

WARNING—All persons are hereby warned not to trespass on the S. E. qr. Section 10, Buffalo township.

A. W. REINECKE.

Send the DEMOCRAT to your friends in the east, that they may know what a live, prosperous people we have, and learn of the glories of the land.

Charlie Evans, for several years an employee of this office in latter 80's, but now a railroad fireman, dropped off a day in Great Bend last week.

You can get more information of interest to you in this weeks' DEMOCRAT than you could find in any other paper in the county for a whole year.

The Lightning bug is brilliant, but it hasn't any mind; it struggles through existence with its headlight on behind," sings an observing Kansas poet.

Night Watch Wallas took a couple of shots at two fellows who were acting suspiciously in the rear of the post office and the Exchange Store, Friday night.

A Hoisington man said, Saturday that the people over at that town took now only water—getting themselves used to it so as to enjoy to the full the Cheyenne Lake.

Will Martin came in last week, from Kansas City, Kans., to spend a summer vacation with his folks here. Mr. Martin has a position as book-keeper with the Fowler Packing Co.

H. J. Hammett made his regular visit to Great Bend Sunday. It is not certain what story Hoses is most deeply interested in—"Griffith Gaunt" or "Anthony and Cleopatra."

It is said that nearly one hundred men have been given employment on the ditch past week, at \$1.00 a day and board. When harvest work opens ditch work will stop.

This has been a very busy week in the towns. Next week will be also. But after that for a few weeks, during the garnering of the grain, the town people had just as well settle down to tiddledewinks or go fishing.



Hundreds of loads of gumbo have been dumped on the road from the north end of the Arkansas bridge to the Walnut Creek Mills, making that road in better condition than it ever was before.

Barton county is second in the state in the acreage of wheat, and is liable to be first in yield. Sumner county has 51,572 acres more of wheat than Barton; but Sumner is also eight townships larger than is Barton, and has no waste lands like the Cheyenne bottoms.

An official test of the city water-works will be made this afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock. Citizens should shut off the water during the test, as the heavy pressure that will be put on direct from the pumps is liable to create damage to private fixtures left open.

"Prosperity" item from the Hoisington Dispatch: "If the collections of our different churches on Sunday nights throws a light on the financial condition of the majority attending these services, then there must be a whole lot of people in this town dead broke."

The managers of the coming Barton county fair should secure a liberal supply of samples of wheat, rye, barley and oats, on the straw, for properly decorating at fair time. If the sheaves are cut before they get too ripe, and are properly handled, a most magnificent display can be made.

George Mitchell announces, in the Hoisington Dispatch, that he is a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the republican convention. George had best keep out of the fight, for that nomination is fixed for a Great Bend man. If the north end of the county wants a commissioner let them vote solid for Sam Shattuck and help us elect him.

The town has been full of "harvest hands" this week, and more are coming on every train. Many of the men are honestly hunting for employment. Others, however, are of the rough element; the fellows who always go where there are crowds of men for the purpose of robbery and pillage. It therefore is important that our citizens be careful about leaving openings for the sneak thief and robber.

If the Cheyenne lake appraisal is as much too low as the men who own the lands say it is, they cannot be blamed for making a kick and going into the courts to get justice. We have a firm belief that, while the Lake corporation may make an effort to secure the lands as cheaply as possible, the courts and juries before whom the matter will be finally adjusted will endeavor to meet out justice to all parties concerned.

James Caldwell, ex-sheriff of Scott county, who is now traveling representative of the Plano Manufacturing Co. officially opened the 1900 harvest in Barton county last Saturday by starting a "Jones Ever No. 2" binder in a field of six foot rye, on the farm of Dan Miller, in Buffalo township. It was a magnificent piece of rye—the finest ever seen in this county—and it being of such large growth there was some question about how successfully a binder would work in it. Quite a number of interested spectators watched the operations and they report that the machine worked like a charm and handled the grain to a fret. F. H. Miller sells the Plano Binders, at Great Bend.

The inconsistency of the attempt to assess at 1/3 value for purposes of taxation is shown in the statistical reports given in by the assessors, as compared with their returns for assessment. For instance, take one township for example: The assessor returns, as the real value of all farm property in his township, \$284,500. An abstract of his assessment of the township on the 1/3 basis gives the same property as \$82,935, or \$95,995 more than 1/3 the actual value. It is assessed at even less than 1/3 the value given as the actual value. Another township assessed presumably at 1/3 actual value has returned an actual value of \$456,000 and an assessed value of \$121,000—or \$335,000 less than 1/3 of the actual value. "Consistency, thou art a jewel."